

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING - February 23, 2020

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place February 23. There will be a COMBINED Eucharist at 10:30 am, followed by a light lunch prepared by the Friars' Guild. The meeting will commence at 12:30 pm.

### Need to write a report for Vestry?

Please send your reports to Christine at [saintthomas@rogers.com](mailto:saintthomas@rogers.com).

### Updating Saint Thomas's Database

Have you moved recently? Did you change your e-mail address or phone number?

*Did you remember to let us know at Saint Thomas's?*

If you need to update your information, please send an e-mail to Christine, or call 416-979-2323 ext. 4.

### SECURITY AT SAINT THOMAS'S

Our parish hall is used Monday through Friday every week, and the church is often occupied as well. Sometimes groups meet in the St Agnes Chapel, the Fr Freeland Room, and St Elmo's Room above the Parish Hall.

With all these comings and goings, we need to be very careful about security. Before you leave for the evening, please take a few moments to ensure that entry points are secure in the area you've occupied - check the windows and doors, and close and lock them accordingly. When you go outside at the end of your event, please be certain any door that you pass through locks behind you - pull it hard to make sure the lock is engaged.

**If your event is cancelled, please let the office know immediately.** Our rooms are in high demand sometimes, and we would rather not turn people away who could use the space. The other reason we need to know is if the building is going to stand empty, we can lock up early, thus eliminating the need for someone to wait around, or worse, make a special trip to St Thomas's in order to check security.

## FEBRUARY 2, 2020

### CANDLEMAS

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**Nursery Care** is available during the 11:00 am Service.

**Church School** is held during the 11:00 am Service. Please speak to Siobhán Dungan for more information.

**Coffee Hour:** After each of the 9:30 and 11:00 am Eucharists, there is a time for fellowship in the parish hall. Enjoy light refreshments while getting to know members of the congregation and learning more about St Thomas's.

**Need Assistance?** The sidespeople are pleased to offer assistance. Please speak to them if you need Communion brought to you, or would like a booklet to guide you through our Liturgy.

Please keep this leaflet as a reminder of upcoming events, or visit our website.

### EVENTS AT A GLANCE

TODAY	CANDLEMAS
Tues. Feb 4	<b>Society of Mary</b> - 6:15 to 8:30 pm
Sun. Feb 9	<b>SEPTUAGESIMA</b> <b>Fr Andrews' Induction</b> ( <i>see article</i> )
Sat. Feb 15	<b>Altar Guild Training Session</b> - 10:30 am to 1:00 pm
Sun. Feb 16	<b>SEXAGESIMA</b>
Mon. Feb 17	<b>Family Day</b> - Office Closed
Sat. Feb 22	<b>Pancake Supper</b> - 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Sun. Feb 23	<b>QUINQUAGESIMA</b> <b>Lunch &amp; Vestry Meeting</b>
Wed. Mar 26	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> - 7:30 am, 12:15 & 6:15 pm
Sun. Mar 1	<b>LENT I</b>
Sun. Mar 8	<b>LENT II</b>

### **TODAY - DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF THE ROPER COPE**

This morning at the 11:00 o'clock Eucharist the renewed Roper Cope will be blessed. The cope has a rich history in connection with Archbishop Charles Roper, a former Vicar of Saint Thomas's, and later Bishop of Ottawa and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. For details, see copies of an article from The Anglican in the Parish Hall. The cope project was sponsored by their family in memory of the late Walter and Margaret Hardacre. We are grateful to them, and to the Ecclesiastical Needlework Committee of the Diocese of Toronto, including our own Altar Guild members, Doreen Stanton and the late Donald McTaggart, who did much of the work. Several members of the Diocesan Committee are here this morning.



### **FR ANDREWS' INDUCTION AT ST JUDE'S—February 9, 2020 at 3:00 pm**

Reverend Mark Andrews will be inducted as the twentieth Rector of St Jude's Anglican Church, 160 William Street in Oakville, on Sunday February 9 at 3:00 pm.

All are welcome to attend. The Right Reverend Susan Bell, Bishop of Niagara will officiate, and the Reverend Dr. Gary Thorne, Chaplain of Huron College will preach. The service will be followed by a reception with light refreshments in Victoria Hall.



### **PRE-LENTEN PANCAKE SUPPER**

Plans are underway to have a Parish Pancake Supper with Games suitable for all ages on Saturday, February 22 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Rob and Anna Kennedy and Siobhán Dungan will be organizing this event.



**SOCIETY OF MARY:** the monthly devotion of the society of Mary will take place on Tuesday February 4. Fellowship and discussion will take place in the Fr Freeland room beginning at 6:15. rosary and benediction will take place in the church at 7:30. all are welcome.

### **FROM THE PARISH SELECTION COMMITTEE:**

#### **PSC Survey Deadline Today!**

Today is the deadline for completing the Parish Selection Committee survey. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your comments. It is important that we hear from all members of the parish, so if you have not yet responded, please complete the online survey today, or if you prefer, paper copies will be available in the Parish Hall at coffee hour for you to complete at that time.

We ask for your prayers for the parish in this time of transition, and for the members of the PSC - Alice, Andrew, Anna, Bob, Jessica, Lorne, Michael and Pat.

### **SAINT THOMAS'S CHURCH SCHOOL**

Everyone is welcome to attend, visit, observe, and partake. We begin in the hall at 10:50 am.

**What's on for the month of February?** Here's an overview of our 6 Sections of Church School:

**#1 – The Old Testament** – More stories from the Book of Genesis  
– Cain & Abel, Noah's Ark, The Tower of Babel

**#2 – Jesus' Life** – Jesus at 12 Years Old

**#3 – The New Testament – Parables** - The Pearl of Great Price;  
The Good Shepherd. **Miracles** – Jesus Heals the Blind;  
The Fishing Miracle. **Disciples** – The 12 Names.

**#4 – Prayer and Song** – For a Grateful Heart, by Robert Cooper;  
God Always Listens, by F. Willson.

**#5 – The Eucharist and Christian Calendar** – The Collect of the Day;  
The First Reading.

**#6 – Saint Thomas's Church** – The Vestments – What the clergy and  
acolytes wear.

Bible Verse in Sign Language – “God said, ‘I’ll Be With You.’”

Exodus 3:12

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